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Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis,

I am concerned about the direction the CALFED Bay/Delta process is heading. There is a lot of talk about new dams, peripheral canals, etc--issues that have consistently been rejected by state voters.

Would you intervene at this time to ensure that we spend the first 5-10 years investing in water conservation and reclamation measures before we resort to more dams and canals? It is MUCH cheaper to take this route and MUCH better for the environment. In addition, please ensure that our rivers, bays and fisheries have adequate water to keep our fish, communities and recreational businesses thriving.

Stop putting multi-million dollar burdens on taxpayers for studying dams, canals, diversions, etc before we try to live without them. Why not at least study the most environmentally sound alternatives first, before throwing more money at dams that help destroy the delta, and are the largest creators of endangered species of any land use in our state?

We definitely need good water quality in our rapidly growing state. We won't get it by daming more rivers. We must focus on minimizing non-point source pollution through tougher enforcement of existing laws. As an employee of a public water company, I know that we can't engineer away our problems anymore. We must do what we can to ensure enough water to support a reasonable number of people while protecting the beautiful state that drew us all here in the first place.

Thanks for your concern and timely action on these matters. The sooner you get us on a sustainable, environmentally responsible course, the better for all of us.

Sincerely,



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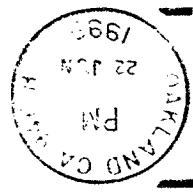
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